

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the final full paragraph of page 4, beginning on line 18 and ending on line 30, with the following paragraph:

Referring again to FIG. 2, the first end portion 116 is covered by the first housing portion 104, and the second end portion 120 is covered by the second housing portion 108. Each of the housing portions 104, 108 includes a generally cylindrical side wall 121 and a distal surface 122 (i.e., the first housing portion 104 includes a first distal surface and the second housing portion 108 includes a second distal surface). Each housing portion 104, 108 also includes a rotor shaft opening 123 and a plurality of apertures 124 disposed on the distal surface 122. End caps 125, 128, are connected to the distal surfaces 122 ~~surfaces 130~~ of the housing portions 104, 108 with a plurality of support members such as through-bolts, rivets, etc. The support members extend through clearance holes 136 in the end caps 125, the apertures 124 of the distal surfaces 122 ~~surfaces 130~~, and clearance channels or bores 140 of the stator 112. The support members then secure the end caps 125, 128 to the intermediate portions 104, 108. In another embodiment, the bore 140 of the stator 112 is a blind bore. Accordingly, the support members couple the end caps 125 via the clearance holes 136, the apertures 124, and the bores 140.